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# TEN MEN HURT AT BLAZE IN DURLAND'S OLD RINK.

Thrilling Escape of Brave Fire Fighters at Destruction of Vacated Academy at Broadway and Sixtieth Street.

Nine firemen were face to face with death this afternoon when they attempted to quell flames which enveloped the old Durland's Riding Academy, Central Park West, Sixtieth and Sixty-first streets. That they escaped with their lives was considered by those who watched their predicament little short of miraculous.

As it was, they and a spectator were all more or less injured. Those hurt were:

CARROLL, of Engine Company No. 40, burned about face.

CLARK, PATRICK, of Engine Company No. 40, seriously burned about face and body.

COSGROVE, JAMES, foreman of Engine Company No. 40, burned about face and head, leg broken.

COYLE, THOMAS, of Engine Company No. 23, burned about face and hands.

DEVLIN, of Engine Company No. 40, hand burned; taken to Roosevelt Hospital. Returned to fire.

FARRELL, chief of the Sixth Battalion.

McKEON, JOHN, captain of Engine Company No. 23, hair singed, severe burns.

MANNING, ROBERT, of Hook and Ladder Company No. 4, severely hurt.

PAYTON, W. J., No. 178 Broadway, spectator, burns about face and hands.

STOUT, MICHAEL, of Engine Company No. 23.

Incendiary Blaze.

The fire, which is believed to have been of incendiary origin, started in the

southwest corner of the building, at about 2 o'clock. Engine Company No. 40 was first to reach the scene, and Cosgrove and his men swarmed into the blazing building.

They had been at work on the second floor for ten minutes when a portion of the roof fell in. This occasioned a draught, which drove the flames directly in the faces of the firemen.

Immediately a rush was made for the windows, escape from the doors being cut off by the rapidly advancing fire. It was here that the dramatic element entered into the situation. Every window was barred by closely woven wire netting.

When the thickening crowd in the street below realized the peril of the firemen, there was a wall of pity.

The flames were fast enveloping the six men. Cosgrove and his fellows threw themselves time after time against the barred windows. Finally, and none too soon, their efforts were successful, and the netting gave way. Then came the jump to the street. All made it with more or less injury.

Injured in His Jump.

Capt. Cosgrove was most seriously hurt by the fall. As he leaped from the window his coat was caught by a section of jagged wire. This threw him out of his reckoning, and he turned around before he reached the street.

There was great cheering when the imprisoned men gained their safety, and a big burst of applause for one Thomas Hughes, of No. 99 West One Hundred and Sixth street, a youngster employed on the rapid-transit tunnel. Shortly

after the blaze was under way a plain little tabby cat was seen at a wire-barred window on the third floor. Hughes got a ladder and, with the flames threatening him at every step, climbed up, broke through the barrier and brought the cat safely to the street.

Blaze Reaches Flat.

An added danger was the threatened destruction of the apartment known as the "Polish," at the corner of Central Park West and Sixty-first street. It was recognized that the old riding academy was doomed and the efforts of the firemen were principally directed to the apartment-house, in which fifty families reside.

The fire took hold of the roof of the "Polish," and broke all windows on the south side. The residents threw their effects out of the windows, until they were assured that there was no danger. Most of them, however, left the place.

Frederic B. Jennings, a lawyer, having his offices at No. 15 Broad street, said this afternoon that the building was owned by John G. McCollough, T. J. Park and himself. It was built over a few years ago by a party of capitalists from Boston at a cost of about \$100,000, and was used as a riding academy.

They failed, and the building was then leased to Mr. Durland, who used it for ten years as a riding academy. Mr. Jennings said that the building was the exact amount of insurance. The New York Hippodrome Company had leased the building for a winter circus.

## HUSBAND SAILED AWAY WITH BEAUTY.

MRS. DE HAMEL GOT DIVORCE  
PROVING ELOPEMENT.

Rich Merchant, Before Golub, Wrote Letter Intimating Suicide.

(Special to The Evening World.)

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Feb. 15.—An absolute divorce was granted to-day by Justice Keogh to Mrs. Mercedes D. Dehamel from her husband, Henry B. Dehamel, formerly a wealthy New Yorker, who, she alleges in her suit, ran away to Europe with a Cuban beauty, Miss Paula Eschwege.

Judge Keogh in his findings set forth that "Dehamel in May, 1900, left this country with said Paula Eschwege, assuming the name of Jean Du Bois, and went to Europe, and on or about June 12, 1900, the pair were living as man and wife in the city of Berlin, Germany."

Mr. and Mrs. Dehamel were married in Havana, Cuba, Nov. 17, 1897, and have four children, one, Helena, who is married, the others, Henry, Ferdinand and John F., were given in custody of their mother by Justice Keogh.

Several witnesses testified to having seen Mr. Dehamel, who was in business at No. 18 Broadway, sail on the steamer President, of the Hamburg-American line in 1900. Miss Eschwege was in his company on the steamer, and she was also on the passenger list.

It appears, according to a letter marked as an exhibit in the case, and written to his wife, Dehamel tried to make her believe he had ended his life.

This was received shortly after he had sailed.

## CRUSHING PROVES FATAL.

John O'Connor, thirty-five years old, of Payson, N. Y., who was hit by a train at Bowdler street station last night, and had both legs crushed, died in Flower Hospital this morning.

## WOMAN PUBLICLY DRINKS POISON.

ANNIE BURDICK TRIES SUICIDE IN A HALLWAY.

Annie Burdick, thirty-six years old, who says she lives at No. 142 Third avenue, attempted suicide last night in the hallway of No. 158 East Fifth street, by drinking a quantity of carbolic acid.

Charles Biggert, who lives in the house, said he saw the woman drink the poison. He hurried to the East Fifth street station and Policeman Redmond was sent back to the house with him.

An ambulance was summoned from Flower Hospital and the woman was removed in a critical condition by Dr. Forbes. It was said she would die.

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## AFTERNOON NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS.

LOCAL

COUNT VON RAUDISSIN to-day sent a telegram to Mrs. Robert Goelz expressing to her the condolence of the Emperor and Empress of Germany on the death of her daughter Beatrice. Then he personally carried a wreath to the cemetery and left it on the tomb of the dead girl.

## SUBURBAN.

The will of Gerhard Mennen, the millionaire druggist, was admitted to probate in the Surrogate's Office to-day. It is dated Jan. 23, 1900, and everything is bequeathed to the widow, Mrs. Elma Christina Mennen.

Mrs. Catherine Boyle, an elderly woman living on Straits street, Paterson, N. J., was committed to the Passaic County Jail to-day on the charge of setting fire to her house. Friends think the recent big blaze in that city affected the woman's mind.

## TELEGRAPHIC.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass.—Leon Dooley, son of Rev. John Dooley, of Monterey, was shot by a highwayman while walking on the road from Monterey to this place. Dooley was robbed of his money and watch.

GROTON, Mass.—Mrs. Roosevelt said to-day that her son was improving steadily as she was planning to return with him to Washington. Miss Alice Roosevelt reached here this morning.

## CABLE.

ROME.—The Pope has cabled to President Roosevelt expressing hope for the speedy recovery of the latter's son.

BERLIN.—In the Lower House of the Prussian Diet to-day a bill was introduced placing \$5,000,000 marks at the disposal of the Prussian Government for the purchase of mining property in Westphalia.

THE HAGUE.—The members of the Boer delegation have left The Hague and have not announced their destination. It is rumored that they have started for the United States.

## SNOW CLOGS TENNESSEE.

All Railroad Traffic Near Knoxville Suspended.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 15.—This section is buried under the heaviest fall of snow in six years. All railroad traffic is suspended.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Sunday, for New York City and vicinity: Cloudy to-night, possibly light snow; Sunday partly cloudy; fresh southwest winds.

## LEADERS CONFER AT WHITE HOUSE.

MYSTERY IN COUNCIL CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT.

Senate and House Represented in Consultation with Executive—All Silent as to Subject.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A very important conference was held in the Cabinet room of the White House to-day.

At the President's request he was joined there shortly after 10 o'clock this morning by Senators Allison, Aldrich and Spooner, Speaker Henderson and Representatives Cannon and Grosvener, and the conference lasted until a few minutes after 12.

With the exception of the President himself and Senator Spooner, these conferences were the same men who took part in the famous conference a few weeks prior to the Spanish war, which resulted in the definite conclusion that Congress should appropriate \$50,000,000 to be placed at the disposal of the President to prepare for war.

Previous to the conference the President breakfasted at the White House with Attorney-General Knox, Postmaster-General Payne and Senator Hanna. When the conference broke up those who participated in it were extremely and unusually reticent.

The personnel of the conference gave color to the belief that the consultation related to the legislative programme in Congress and might have a bearing upon the shaping of Cuban, Philippine and war-revenue repeal legislation.

There was also an intimation that the President talked with his party leaders in Congress about the Schley case.

## TO-NIGHT'S EVENTS.

Six-day race, Madison Square Garden.

Democratic harmony dinner, Germania Club, Brooklyn.

Dinner officers First Volunteer Engineers, Delmonico's.

Alumni dinner Public School No. 6, Marlborough.

Lotos Club meeting.

Alumni dinner Friends, School No. 111, Fifth Avenue.

Sigma Nu dinner, Marlborough.

Camera Club smoker, No. 3 West Twenty-ninth street.

Shakespeare Club meeting, Carnegie Hall.

Concert Seventy-first Regiment Armory.

Union Alacene hall, Lexington Opera-house.

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# VERY LATEST NEWS IN BRIEFEST FORM.

AUTOPSY ON WALTER BROOKS'S BODY.

Coroner's Physician Weston late this afternoon performed the autopsy on Brooks's body. He found that the bullet entered the head just behind and at the top of the right ear. Its

course was diagonal and it penetrated about an inch and a half. In his opinion the wound was not self-inflicted because

there were no powder burns on the scalp.

Attorney Backus after a visit to the District-Attorney's office got permission to see the Burns girl, and was admitted with her father to her cell.

Harry Cohen turned over to the District-Attorney this afternoon a letter from the girl to Brooks asking for an interview with him. It was written Feb. 11, but did not reach his office until to-day.

6 O'CLOCK RACE SCORE.

At 6 o'clock the score of the leaders in the six-day race at Madison Square Garden was as follows:

HEGELMAN AND CAVANAUGH.....	754	0
GOLDEN AND TRACY.....	705	5
GLICK AND HOWARTH.....	683	2
NOREMAC AND CARTWRIGHT.....	664	3
FAHEY AND METKUS.....	724	9
DAVIS AND CARROLL.....	634	0
DEAN AND CAMPBELL.....	624	1
SHELTON AND GUERRERO.....	734	9
FRAZER AND SULLIVAN.....	644	5

## LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Fourth Race—St. Cuthbert 1. If You Dare 2. Ranco 3. Fifth Race—Major Mansir 1. El Ghor 2. Little Elkin 3.

## GREAT CROWD TO SEE MURDERED WOMAN'S COFFIN.

The body of murdered Mrs. Voepel was this afternoon removed to an undertaking shop at No. 335 Bleeker street. A great crowd filled the street to such an extent that special police were sent from the Charles street station to preserve order. Further evidence of the woman's struggle for life was found in two scratches—one on her neck and the other on the left cheek. These marks appeared to have been made by a finger nail.

Hohenzollerns on the Bowery.

One hundred and fifty firemen and fifty sailors from the royal yacht Hohenzollern will invade the Bowery to-night. Their shore leave extends until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning, when it is hoped they will be back at the yacht to attend the religious services.

## STORM COMING UP THE COAST.

The following despatch was received by the local Weather Bureau from Washington this afternoon:

A disturbance moving north-eastward off the South Atlantic coast will cause increasing northerly winds off the Atlantic coast to-night.

## MISS STONE FREE IN VERY FEW DAYS.

RANSOM PAID. BRIGANDS INSURE THEIR SAFETY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The State Department has received cable advice confirming the report that the ransom money for Miss Stone has been paid to the brigand captors.

It is not known when her release will occur, but it is understood that the brigands have made a condition that they shall have a period of a week or ten days in which to make sure their safe retreat before the prisoner is delivered up.

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# DENIES SHE SHOT BROKER IN HOTEL.

Florence Burns, Nineteen, Accused of Murdering Walter Brooks, Declares She Was at Home in Bed at the Time.

Accused of murdering her lover, Walter S. Brooks, a young broker, Florence Burns, nineteen years old, was arrested in her home in Brooklyn, and taken to the Church Street Police Station, where she was examined by Assistant District-Attorney Krotel.

Brooks was found in the Glen Island Hotel, shot in the head, and died in the Hudson Street Hospital shortly before noon.

The girl did not seem much agitated. She wore a big picture hat and a long automobile coat.

She was taken into the Captain's office, where she was surrounded by a dozen officers of the law. While there her father came to the station in response to a telegram. He insisted on being present in the room while Florence was being questioned, but Mr. Krotel would not allow it.

After two hours' questioning Mr. Krotel announced that no statement had been obtained from her.

While the examination was going on the girl's father and Former Assistant District-Attorney Backus, of Brooklyn, came to the station and demanded to see the girl. They were denied admittance.

A little later Krotel came out of the room and left the station. Backus followed him and demanded that he be permitted to see the girl. "See the police," said Krotel. "I have nothing to do with the case."

Meantime the girl, crying and calling to her father, was rushed out of the room and down to a cell.

When Florence was arrested she asked the detectives what was the charge against her. They told her that she was charged with shooting Brooks.

"Where is he?" she asked. "In the hospital," they said. "How could I shoot him then?" she asked. "I have not seen him since 6 o'clock when I left his office. I came right home and arrived at 7.30 o'clock. My father and mother were at the theatre. I saw no one and went to bed."

Further than this they were unable to get anything out of her.

Young Brooks, who is a member of the commission firm of Brooks & Wells, No. 17 Jay street, went last

night to the Glen Island Hotel, at West and Cortlandt streets.

Florence Burns, of No. 249 East Fifteenth street, Brooklyn, was with him. They registered as "John Wilson and wife, Brooklyn."

Left Dying All Night.

At midnight Brooks was found unconscious from escaping gas. The woman had disappeared.

A doctor was called in and partially revived him, but failed to discover the bullet wound in his head. All night the young man lay there dying. The police were not notified.

In the morning Brooks was again found unconscious. This time he was sent to the hospital.

The police were notified, but every effort was made to suppress the news.

Father Names Miss Burns.

Brooks's father when notified of his son's fate declared he had anticipated it and unhesitatingly asserted that it was Miss Burns who had been with him.

Miss Burns, it was learned, for six months had been trying to get Brooks to marry her. He was trying to get rid of her.

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# FITZSIMMONS AND JEFFRIES TO FIGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Match Between Two Greatest Pugilists in the World Finally Arranged for May 15.

Bob Fitzsimmons and Champion Jim Jeffries, the two greatest living pugilists, have been matched to fight again for the championship of the world in San Francisco.

After many weeks of negotiation they met this morning and agreed on terms. They will fight twenty rounds before the club offering the biggest purse, which will be divided 60 per cent. to the winner and 40 per cent. to the loser. The fight will take place on or about May 15. At that time forfeits of \$2,500 will have been posted by each man to guarantee his appearance.

This is the second time Fitz and Jeffries have fought for the championship of the world. Jeffries is the only man who ever really whipped Fitzsimmons, and the Australian said that he was drugged when he fought. Whether he was or not, the fight between a two is most interesting that could have been arranged.

As soon as Jeffries arrived at the meeting-place he walked up to Fitz and, extending his hand, said: "Hello, Fitz; how are you?" "Very well," replied Fitz. "How do you feel?"

Both men then got down to business without delay.

The articles of agreement which had been drawn up were carefully looked over. After they had finished Egan spoke up and said:

"I suppose you will furnish your own gloves. Bob, just as we have always done."

"Yes, I will do that if you say so," replied the Cornishman.

"How about the date for the battle?" said Jeffries.

"As the articles call for the fight to take place on or about May 15, how will that time suit you?" replied Fitzsimmons.

"Very well," replied Jeffries. "If the fight is to be fought in San Francisco it would be better that we have the contest decided then, so that we could get the race-track people to attend it," continued Jeffries.

"How about the bids for the fight?" asked Jeffries.

"We will let the clubs send in their bids, which we will open on March 15, and the club offering the largest purse will get the fight," replied Fitzsimmons.

It was then agreed upon by both men that they each post a forfeit of \$2,500 with the club that is awarded the contest.

The referee will also be selected at the time that the club is named. After these details had been agreed by the fighters they read the articles over carefully and signed them.

Water Commissioner Dougherty says that the \$30,000 lost to the city because of the failure of the meters in the Hotel Manhattan to correctly register the amount of water that went through them is probably a small fraction of the amount which the city has lost. His inspectors are at work, and as soon as the investigation is completed the facts will be laid before the District-Attorney.

Mr. Dougherty's attention was directed to the Manhattan Hotel by the fact that the water bills had become much less recently than they were formerly. A comparison of the bills rendered for several years was made, and it was seen that for eighteen months the bills had been only about one-third what they were before.

By comparing previous bills, an estimate was made which indicated that \$30,000 was due to the city from the Hotel Manhattan, and a bill for that amount was rendered. An attorney for the hotel proprietors called at the water office to-day and promised to have an investigation made.

Mr. Dougherty is now looking for a meter that will be accurate and not susceptible to easy methods of committing a fraud.

Discoveries in the Case of the Hotel Manhattan Lead to an Official Investigation.

Still Suffering from a Dislocated Hip, but Physician Says He Is Doing Well.

Charles L. Tiffany is to-day celebrating his nineteenth birthday. All members of his family and dozens of his friends called at his house, No. 225 Madison avenue to congratulate him. But few of them were allowed to see him.

Mr. Tiffany has been laid up for some time with a dislocated hip and last week caught a cold which gave the family some uneasiness. Dr. Chambers, his physician, said this noon that Mr. Tiffany was doing well and that the symptoms which had made him fear pneumonia had passed away.

It is the custom of Mr. Tiffany to receive his friends on the anniversaries of his birthday, and the family was anxious that there should be no change. He is well in mind and cheerful.

Morris K. Chaspe, President of the Chamber of Commerce, was among the earliest of the callers to-day. At its last meeting the chamber passed resolutions congratulating Mr. Tiffany and formally accepted a portrait of him painted by the artist, William M. Chase. The portrait will have a place in the gallery of the new building of the chamber. Until the new building is completed the picture will remain in the care of the artist.

Praying that you may enjoy years of health, cheered by ever-fresh advance, we remain your loving friends.